

Brief summary of MPSC activities
June 5, 2006

The MPSC InformationLinks team was formed in February 2006. This team consists of one or two representatives from three of the Madison Hospitals (Meriter, St. Mary's, UW), one representative from academia (industrial and systems engineering), and the Administrator of the MPSC. From its earliest meetings, the team has been working on strategic direction of the project. Each month, the members of the MPSC are given a summary of the progress of the InformationLinks team and feedback is provided. Some members of the team attended the May 5th summit of the eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board.

In April, 2006 the team made contact with Epic, the primary EMR vendor for Madison health care institutions. Each CIO (or similar position) attended a meeting with Epic and MPSC to discuss potential data exchange between Epic users. Epic refers to this model as Care Everywhere Community. The InformationLinks team is considering adopting this model of data exchange.

Whether or not the Care Everywhere Community model is established, the InformationLinks team determined that MPSC work on creating foundational documents and community data exchange agreements. The team's next steps include:

- Formatting foundational documents and agreements
- Considering standardization of corporate compliance and HIPAA interpretation among Madison institutions
- Planning a pilot test of Care Everywhere Community
- Drafting possibilities of expanding Care Everywhere Community to institutions who do not use Epic
- Convening the CEOs of the Madison health care institutions for strategic direction (scheduled for June 29th)
- Considering governance structure and institutional responsibilities
- Expanding the team to include a broader base of representatives
- Continuing to work with Epic to determine use cases for Care Everywhere Community
- Developing measures of success

The MPSC contract with DPH has been finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

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